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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

**Note:** An error was found in the Oakland data for one carrier for 40ft high-cube containers; no other locations, container types or carrier responses were impacted. The Oakland data was updated in this report on June 10, 2014.

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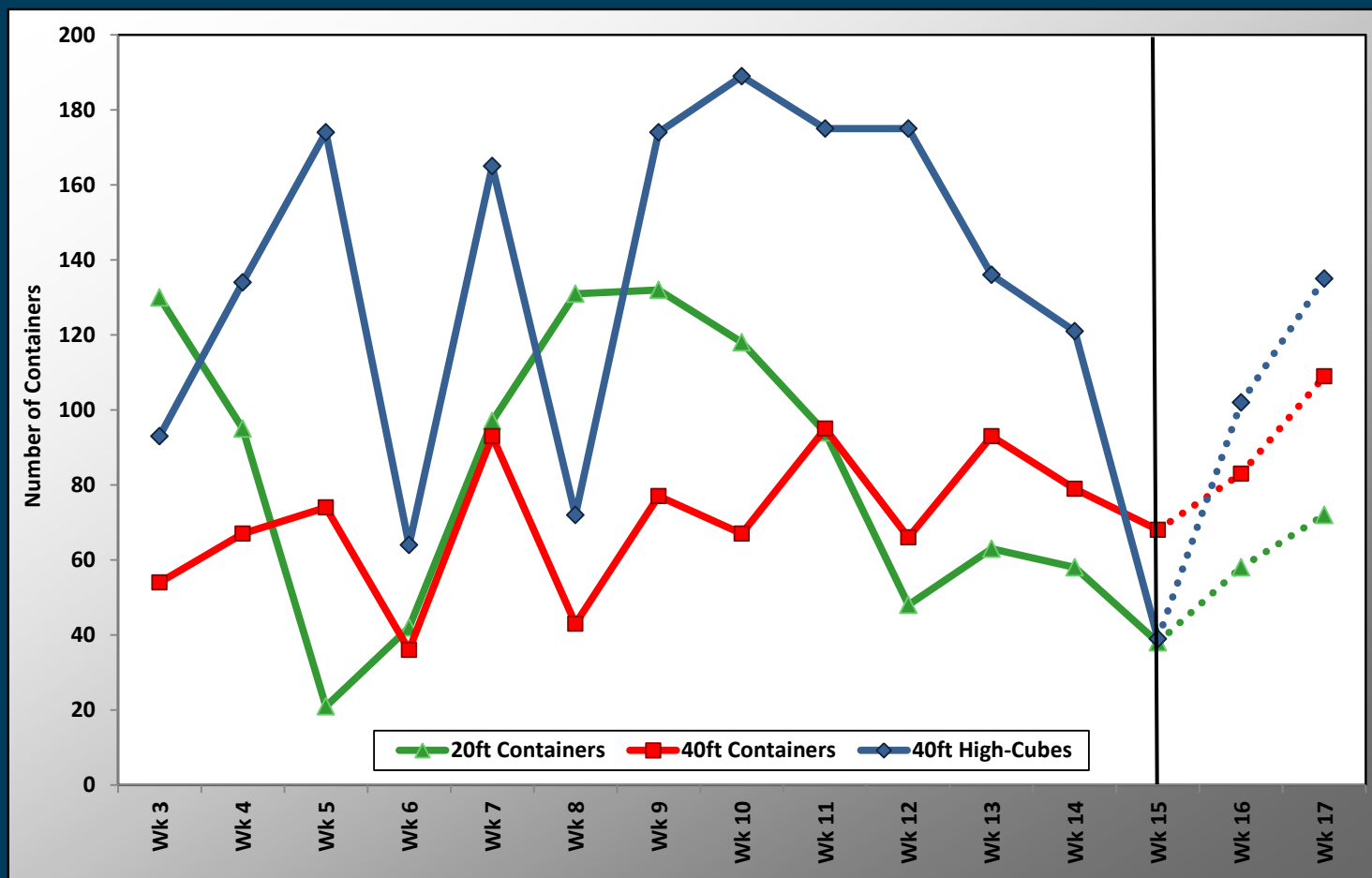
# Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

## Historical Analysis of Denver

Between April and June of 2013, Denver moved more than 5,300 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Animal feed was the top commodity, accounting for 30 percent of the containerized agricultural products moved through the region. Sunflower seeds accounted for 18 percent, followed closely by vegetables at 17 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move approximately 66 percent of these exports. During the same period, agricultural exporters used American Presidents Line (APL) to move 45 percent of exports, followed by Evergreen at 22 percent and Hapag Lloyd and Mediterranean Shipping Company at 10 percent each.<sup>1</sup>

Availability estimates for 40ft dry and high-cube containers through Denver showed strong weekly variations, ranging from 64 units to 189 units, particularly from the beginning of the year through early March. Estimates leveled off for 40ft high-cubes in March, averaging just under 180 units, then began to decline again through the current week. Estimates for 20ft containers, however, have followed a slower trend, where availability fell through early February, rose slowly the remainder of the month, then turned downward again in March. Estimates for each of the dry container types have fallen for the past 2 weeks. However, carriers are expecting increases for each dry container type over the next 2 weeks.

## Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Denver, 3rd week of January (Wk 3) through 2nd week of April (Wk 15), 2014 with Projections

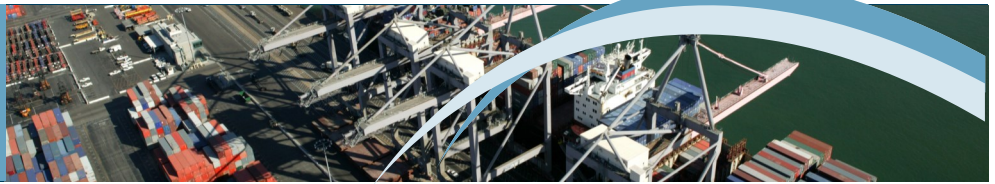


<sup>1</sup> Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .

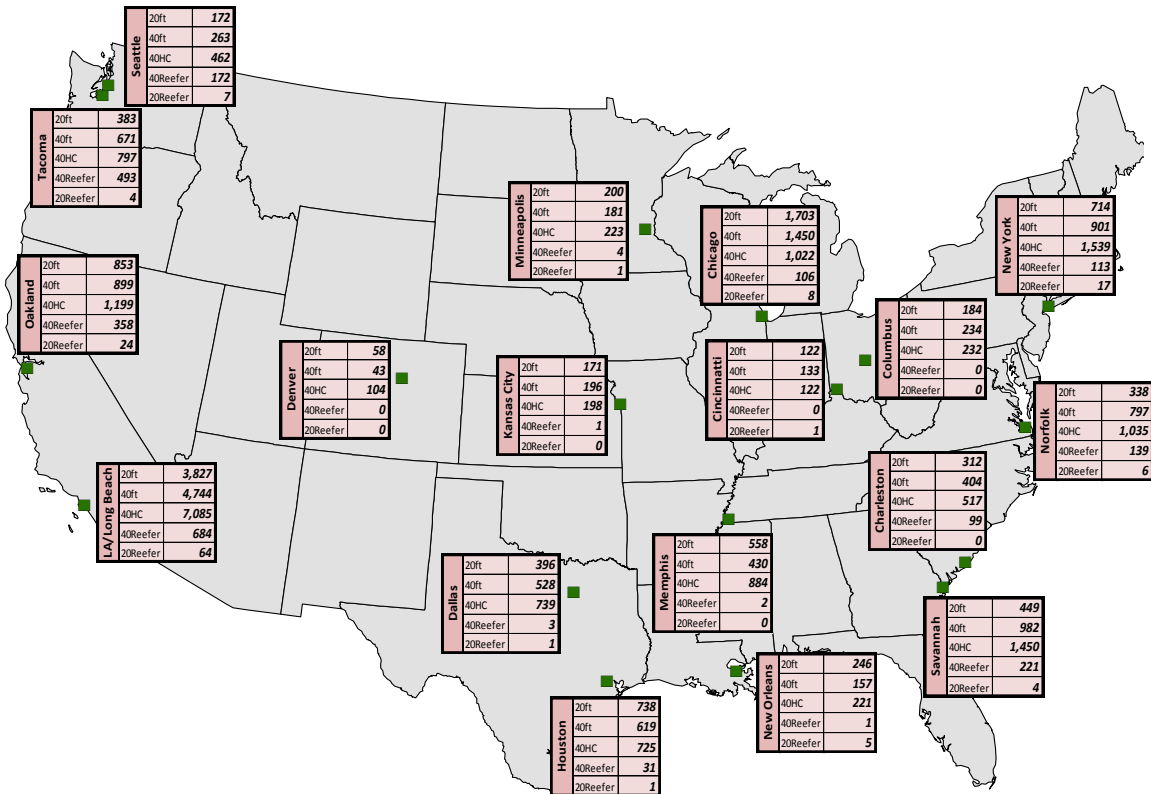


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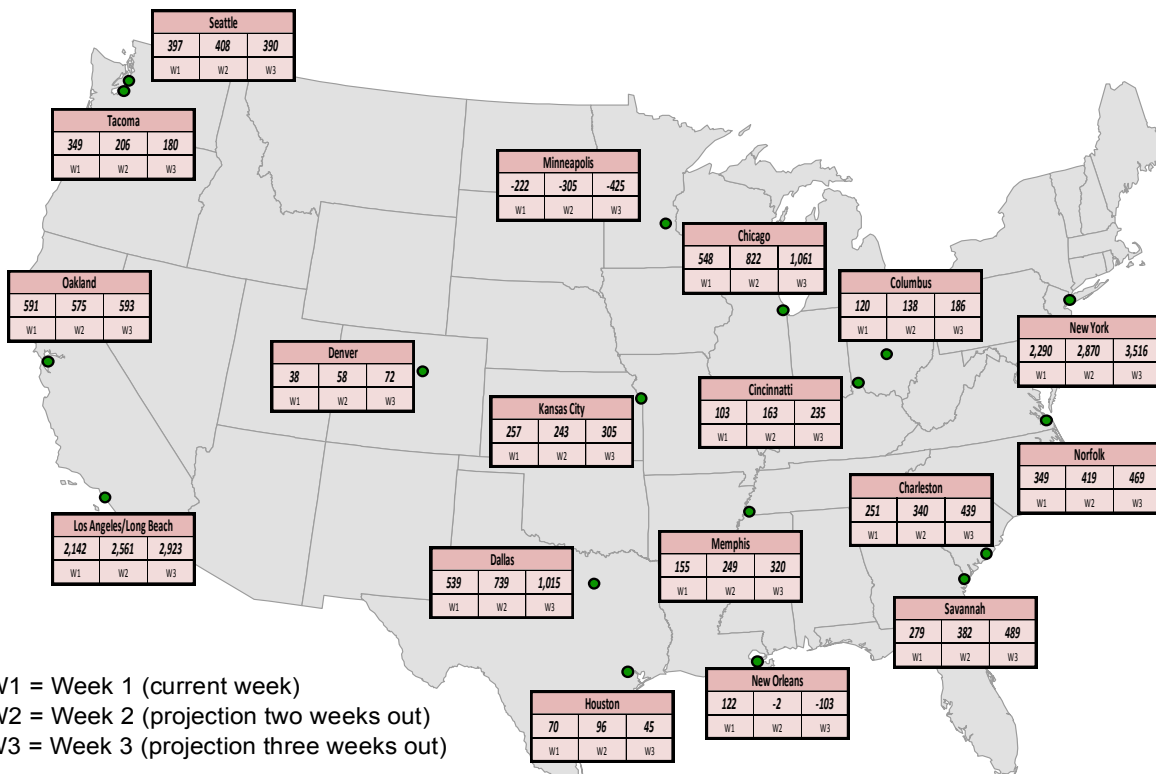
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## Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



## Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

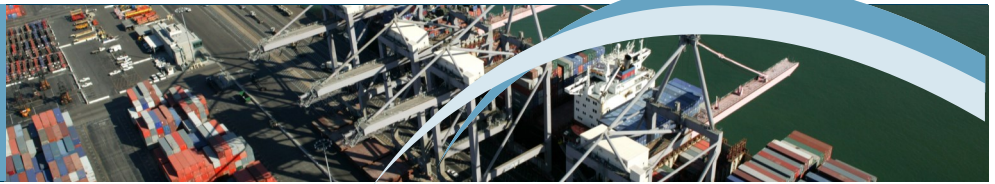


W1 = Week 1 (current week)

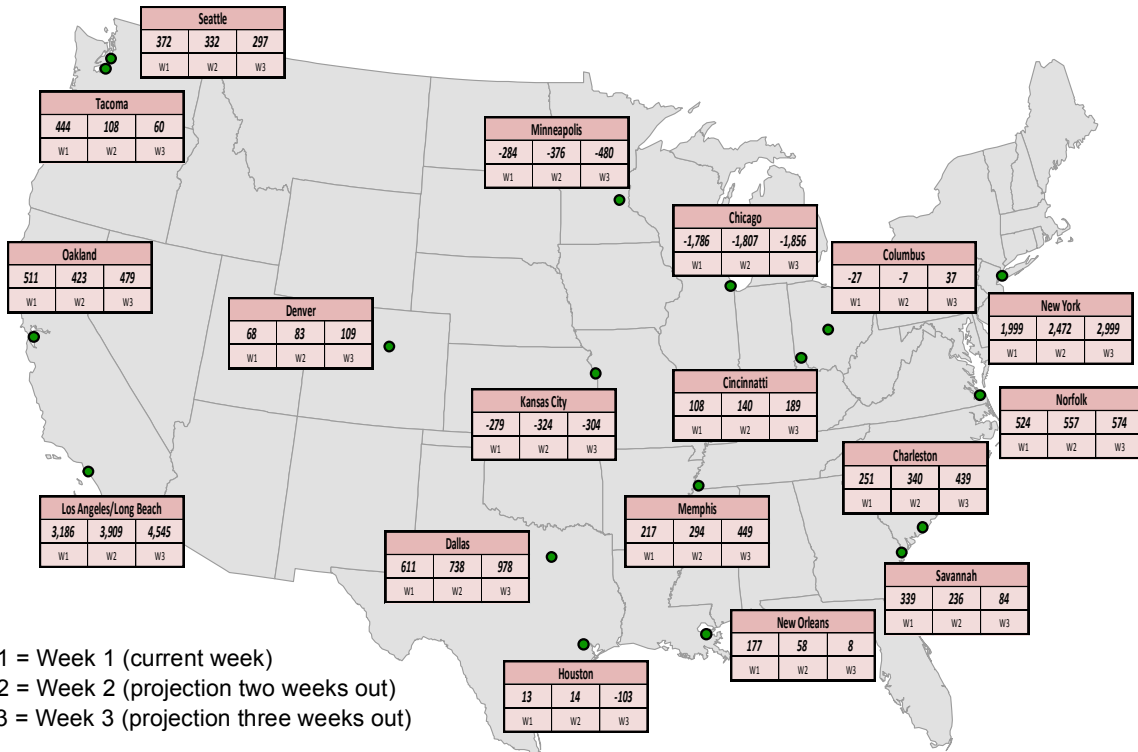
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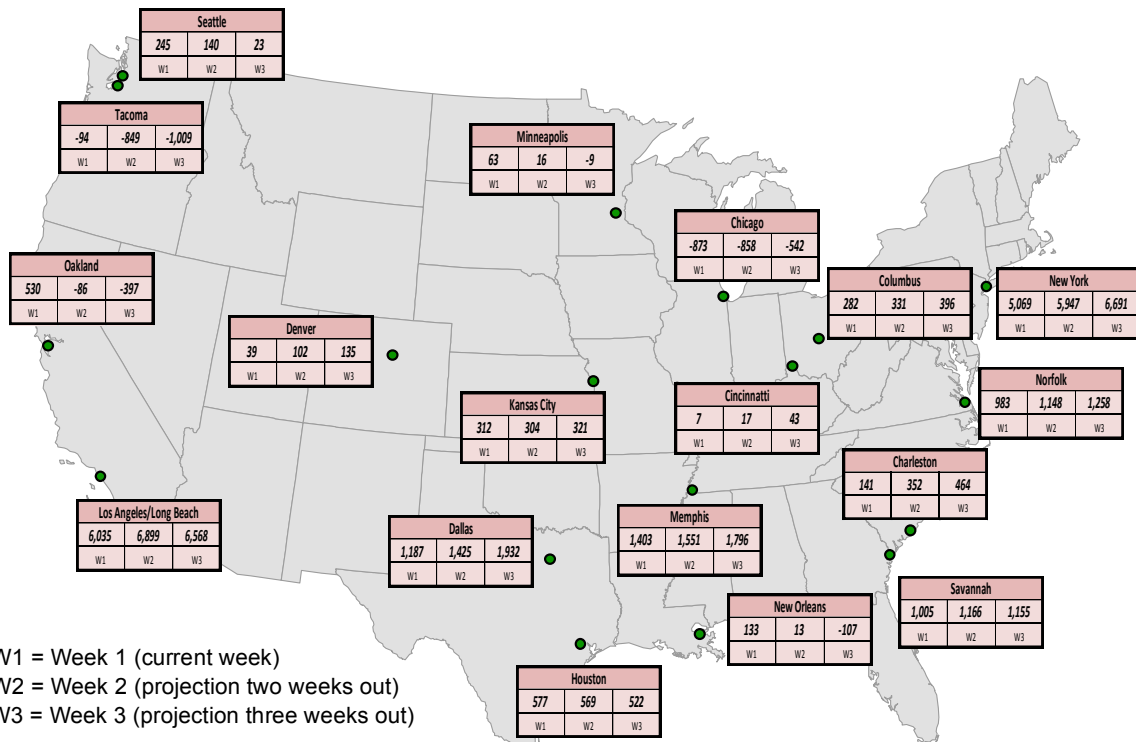




## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



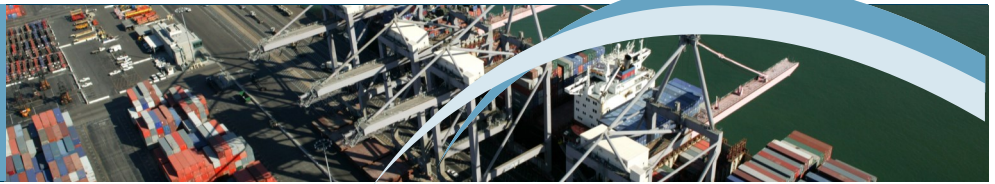
## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers



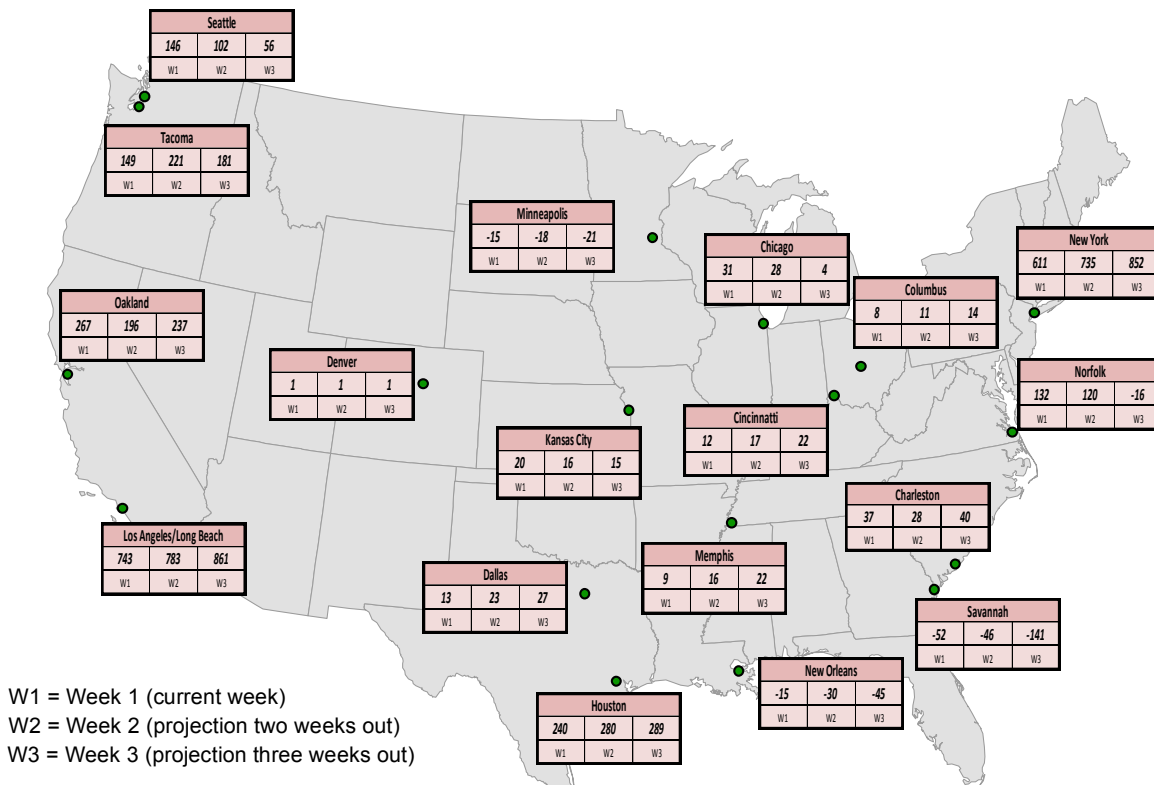


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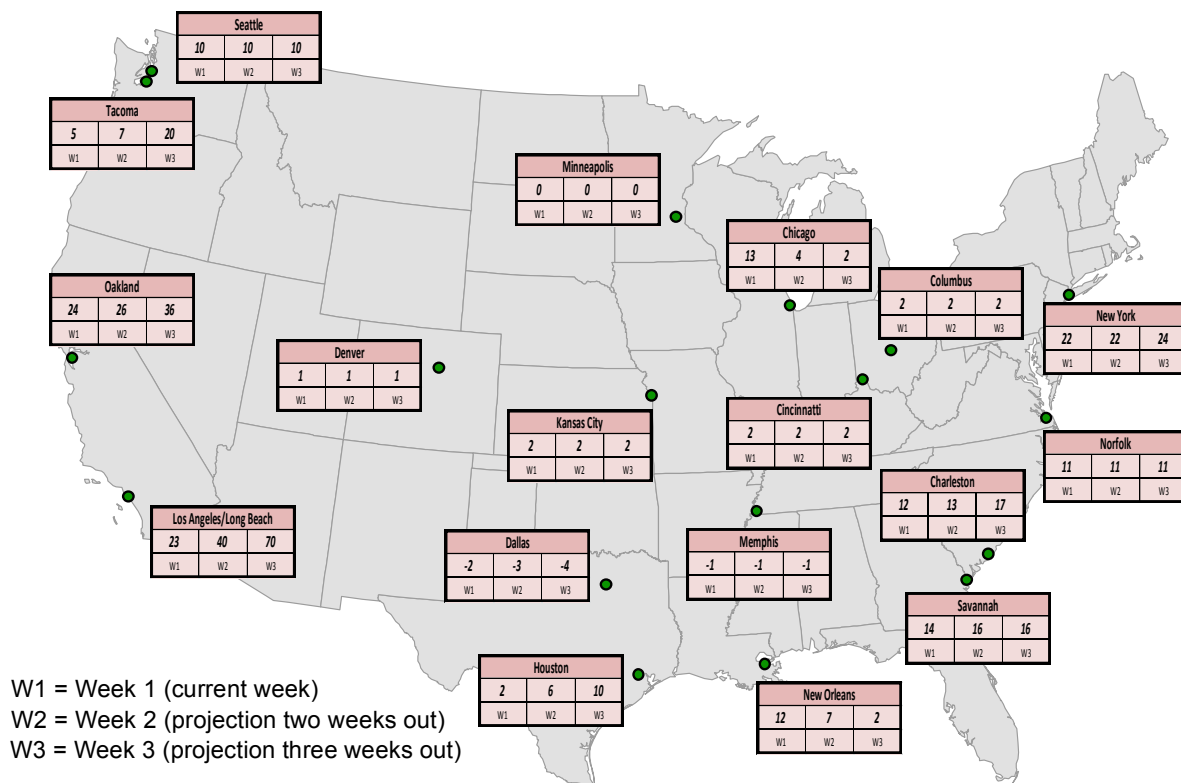
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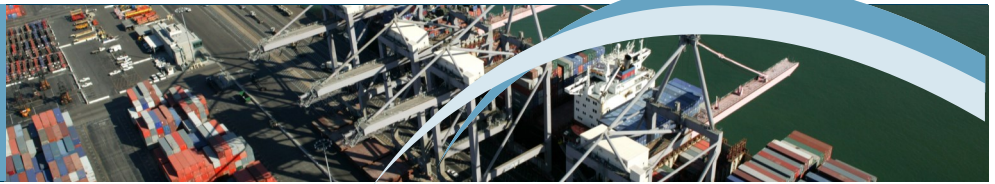
### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers







Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	87	69	40	38	12	5	.	.	.	.	251
Week 2: Apr 16-22	94	62	40	87	50	7	.	.	.	.	340
Week 3: Apr 23-29	116	111	40	77	89	6	.	.	.	.	439
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	109	64	62	19	10	4	.	.	.	.	268
Week 2: Apr 16-22	127	55	62	76	10	7	.	.	.	.	337
Week 3: Apr 23-29	146	37	24	69	10	5	.	.	.	.	291
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	143	102	30	3	-9	-128	.	.	.	.	141
Week 2: Apr 16-22	221	93	30	4	7	-3	.	.	.	.	352
Week 3: Apr 23-29	306	90	30	4	39	-5	.	.	.	.	464
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	110	20	6	5	-20	-84	.	.	.	.	37
Week 2: Apr 16-22	87	24	6	5	-20	-74	.	.	.	.	28
Week 3: Apr 23-29	84	28	7	5	-20	-64	.	.	.	.	40
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	9	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Apr 16-22	10	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Apr 23-29	14	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	623	138	103	4	-20	-300	.	.	.	.	548
Week 2: Apr 16-22	897	44	185	2	-6	-300	.	.	.	.	822
Week 3: Apr 23-29	1,167	186	15	3	-10	-300	.	.	.	.	1,061
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	13	-5	-88	-105	-201	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,786
Week 2: Apr 16-22	-6	-4	-35	-286	-76	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,807
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-12	-5	42	-300	-181	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-1,856
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	493	39	6	1	-12	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-873
Week 2: Apr 16-22	582	25	-17	1	-49	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-858
Week 3: Apr 23-29	705	156	48	1	-52	-1,400	.	.	.	.	-542
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	36	25	0	-2	-28	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 2: Apr 16-22	44	30	0	0	-46	.	.	.	.	.	28
Week 3: Apr 23-29	35	30	0	0	-61	.	.	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	9	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Apr 16-22	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Apr 23-29	4	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	46	29	25	12	-4	-5	.	.	.	.	103
Week 2: Apr 16-22	66	44	46	11	1	-5	.	.	.	.	163
Week 3: Apr 23-29	86	65	79	10	0	-5	.	.	.	.	235
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	73	29	26	14	-4	-30	.	.	.	.	108
Week 2: Apr 16-22	85	40	34	12	-1	-30	.	.	.	.	140
Week 3: Apr 23-29	98	58	46	16	1	-30	.	.	.	.	189
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	25	18	8	5	-8	-41	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Apr 16-22	25	10	7	23	-2	-46	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Apr 23-29	25	11	25	39	-3	-54	.	.	.	.	43
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Apr 16-22	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Apr 23-29	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 16-22	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Apr 23-29	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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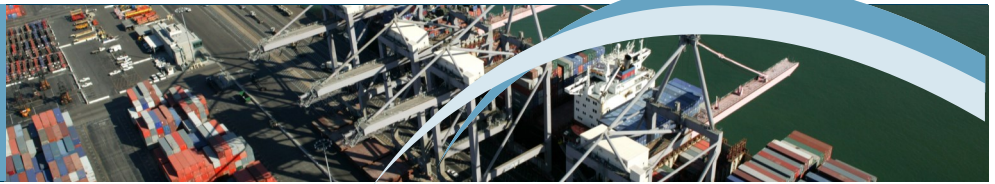
Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	58	31	13	10	5	3	.	.	.	.	120
Week 2: Apr 16-22	81	47	-2	8	1	3	.	.	.	.	138
Week 3: Apr 23-29	109	69	-7	12	0	3	.	.	.	.	186
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	23	11	10	5	-36	-40	.	.	.	.	-27
Week 2: Apr 16-22	25	22	11	1	-26	-40	.	.	.	.	-7
Week 3: Apr 23-29	8	72	14	-1	-16	-40	.	.	.	.	37
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	100	84	68	15	12	3	.	.	.	.	282
Week 2: Apr 16-22	100	106	95	15	14	1	.	.	.	.	331
Week 3: Apr 23-29	100	172	117	10	-3	0	.	.	.	.	396
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Apr 16-22	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Apr 23-29	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 16-22	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Apr 23-29	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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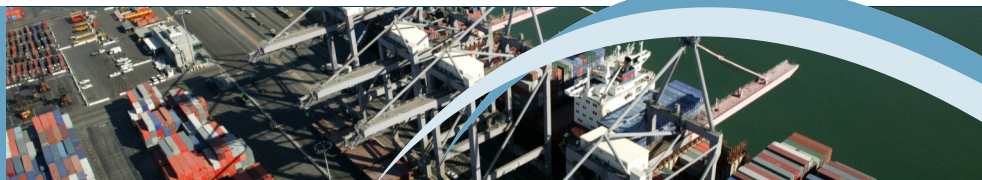
Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	214	153	83	43	40	6	.	.	.	.	539
Week 2: Apr 16-22	345	172	132	44	40	6	.	.	.	.	739
Week 3: Apr 23-29	470	261	203	34	40	7	.	.	.	.	1,015
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	199	142	126	85	50	9	.	.	.	.	611
Week 2: Apr 16-22	236	196	195	54	50	7	.	.	.	.	738
Week 3: Apr 23-29	313	286	274	47	50	8	.	.	.	.	978
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	447	263	226	150	92	9	.	.	.	.	1,187
Week 2: Apr 16-22	546	372	281	150	68	8	.	.	.	.	1,425
Week 3: Apr 23-29	766	487	462	150	63	4	.	.	.	.	1,932
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	21	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Apr 16-22	33	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Apr 23-29	39	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Apr 16-22	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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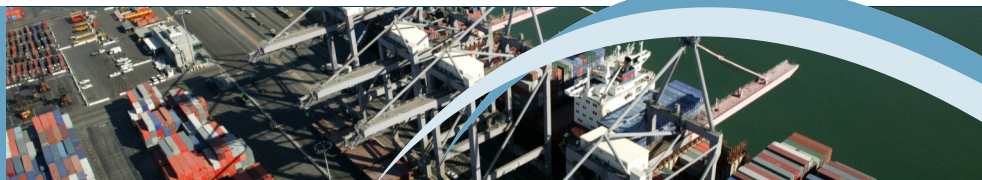
Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	41	9	4	1	-8	-9	.	.	.	.	38
Week 2: Apr 16-22	56	15	1	1	-7	-8	.	.	.	.	58
Week 3: Apr 23-29	67	17	0	1	-7	-6	.	.	.	.	72
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	39	12	6	5	3	3	.	.	.	.	68
Week 2: Apr 16-22	54	17	8	5	1	-2	.	.	.	.	83
Week 3: Apr 23-29	69	24	8	5	2	1	.	.	.	.	109
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	25	8	7	4	1	-6	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Apr 16-22	37	33	6	3	1	22	.	.	.	.	102
Week 3: Apr 23-29	45	60	5	5	1	19	.	.	.	.	135
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Apr 16-22	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Apr 23-29	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Apr 16-22	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Apr 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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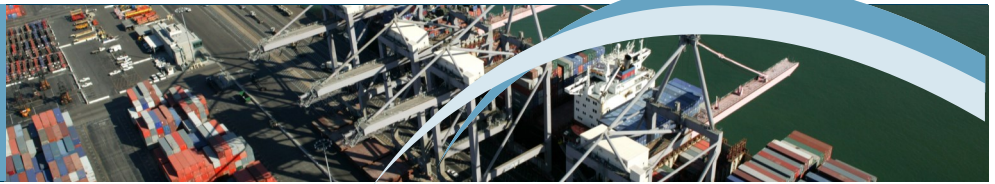
Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	150	42	27	10	-44	-115	.	.	.	.	70
Week 2: Apr 16-22	150	44	13	5	-3	-113	.	.	.	.	96
Week 3: Apr 23-29	150	51	-20	4	-5	-135	.	.	.	.	45
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	200	96	69	2	-16	-338	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Apr 16-22	200	133	82	2	-13	-390	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Apr 23-29	200	152	98	3	-16	-540	.	.	.	.	-103
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	196	185	116	70	5	5	.	.	.	.	577
Week 2: Apr 16-22	158	214	136	70	-14	5	.	.	.	.	569
Week 3: Apr 23-29	29	269	171	70	-19	2	.	.	.	.	522
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	160	60	18	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	240
Week 2: Apr 16-22	175	62	41	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	280
Week 3: Apr 23-29	170	64	53	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	289
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	10	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 16-22	13	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Apr 23-29	16	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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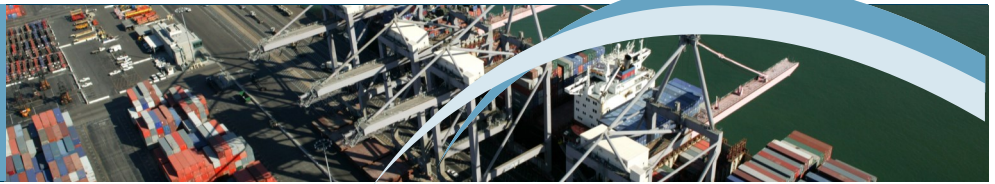
Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	150	74	36	1	1	-5	.	.	.	.	257
Week 2: Apr 16-22	150	89	6	0	1	-3	.	.	.	.	243
Week 3: Apr 23-29	150	107	47	0	1	0	.	.	.	.	305
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	45	9	-11	-11	-11	-300	.	.	.	.	-279
Week 2: Apr 16-22	28	-3	-28	-10	-11	-300	.	.	.	.	-324
Week 3: Apr 23-29	47	5	-30	-14	-12	-300	.	.	.	.	-304
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	250	71	29	-5	-14	-19	.	.	.	.	312
Week 2: Apr 16-22	250	70	36	-6	-15	-31	.	.	.	.	304
Week 3: Apr 23-29	250	66	41	14	-15	-35	.	.	.	.	321
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	10	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Apr 16-22	12	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Apr 23-29	14	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Apr 16-22	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Apr 23-29	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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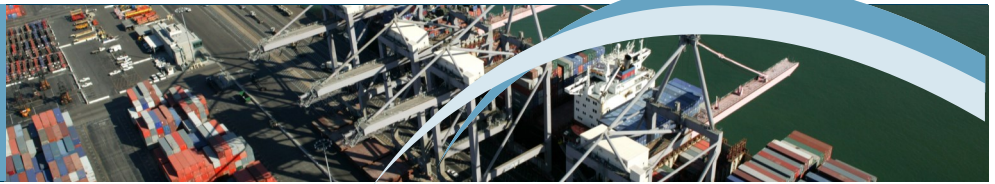
Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	777	579	528	300	44	-86	.	.	.	.	2,142
Week 2: Apr 16-22	609	770	714	300	40	128	.	.	.	.	2,561
Week 3: Apr 23-29	590	816	919	300	40	258	.	.	.	.	2,923
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	1,197	847	750	219	118	55	.	.	.	.	3,186
Week 2: Apr 16-22	1,613	638	750	683	173	52	.	.	.	.	3,909
Week 3: Apr 23-29	1,895	621	750	970	264	45	.	.	.	.	4,545
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	3,400	1,814	1,442	84	52	-757	.	.	.	.	6,035
Week 2: Apr 16-22	3,400	2,686	1,182	591	52	-1,012	.	.	.	.	6,899
Week 3: Apr 23-29	3,400	2,757	1,170	425	50	-1,234	.	.	.	.	6,568
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	412	121	81	75	64	-10	.	.	.	.	743
Week 2: Apr 16-22	406	140	113	75	59	-10	.	.	.	.	783
Week 3: Apr 23-29	362	139	146	75	139	0	.	.	.	.	861
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	15	10	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 2: Apr 16-22	34	10	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 3: Apr 23-29	61	10	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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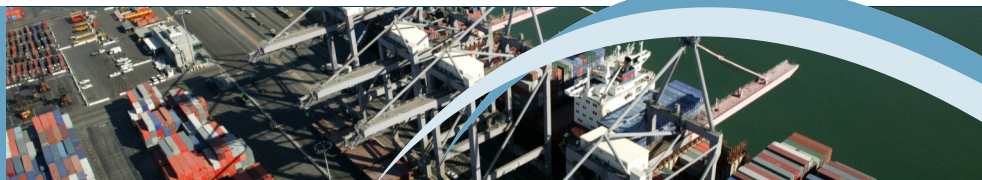
Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	86	80	65	4	-12	-68	.	.	.	.	155
Week 2: Apr 16-22	142	80	81	2	-1	-55	.	.	.	.	249
Week 3: Apr 23-29	188	80	96	3	-2	-45	.	.	.	.	320
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	126	112	20	4	-14	-31	.	.	.	.	217
Week 2: Apr 16-22	176	122	20	4	-4	-24	.	.	.	.	294
Week 3: Apr 23-29	219	223	20	2	-10	-5	.	.	.	.	449
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	900	293	134	40	33	3	.	.	.	.	1,403
Week 2: Apr 16-22	900	361	172	89	23	6	.	.	.	.	1,551
Week 3: Apr 23-29	900	544	190	140	18	4	.	.	.	.	1,796
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	5	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Apr 16-22	10	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Apr 23-29	14	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Apr 16-22	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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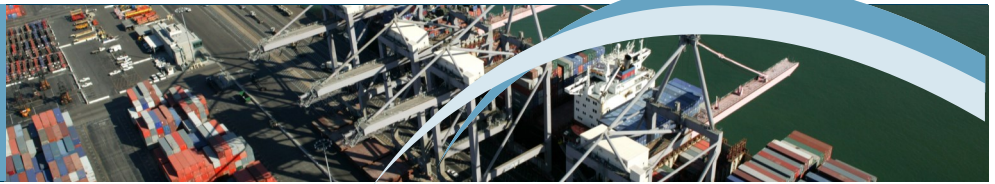
Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	141	44	0	-6	-100	-301	.	.	.	.	-222
Week 2: Apr 16-22	155	38	6	-7	-100	-397	.	.	.	.	-305
Week 3: Apr 23-29	171	-13	-1	-7	-100	-475	.	.	.	.	-425
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	30	4	-8	-29	-81	-200	.	.	.	.	-284
Week 2: Apr 16-22	30	5	-8	-20	-183	-200	.	.	.	.	-376
Week 3: Apr 23-29	29	3	-8	-24	-280	-200	.	.	.	.	-480
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	150	41	0	-3	-8	-117	.	.	.	.	63
Week 2: Apr 16-22	150	58	-1	-14	-8	-169	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Apr 23-29	150	86	-4	-7	-9	-225	.	.	.	.	-9
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 2: Apr 16-22	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 3: Apr 23-29	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Apr 16-22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Apr 23-29	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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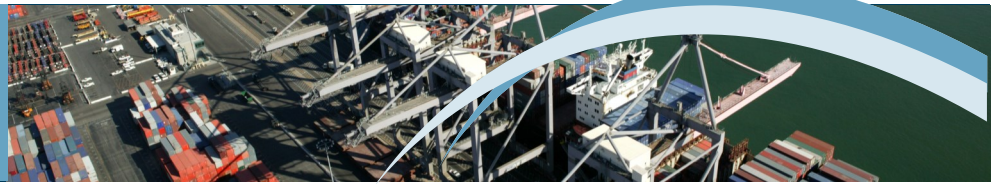
New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	168	10	0	0	0	-56	.	.	.	.	122
Week 2: Apr 16-22	69	10	-1	3	0	-83	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-26	10	-2	14	0	-99	.	.	.	.	-103
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	144	15	11	7	0	0	.	.	.	.	177
Week 2: Apr 16-22	32	11	8	7	0	0	.	.	.	.	58
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-12	10	9	1	0	0	.	.	.	.	8
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	85	26	11	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	133
Week 2: Apr 16-22	-32	21	12	11	1	0	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-156	19	20	11	-1	0	.	.	.	.	-107
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	1	0	-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 2: Apr 16-22	-6	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-30
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-13	0	-32	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-45
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Apr 16-22	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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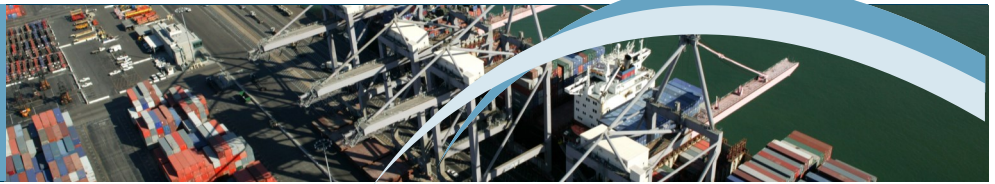
New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	1,036	500	313	289	134	18	.	.	.	.	2,290
Week 2: Apr 16-22	1,388	500	364	399	194	25	.	.	.	.	2,870
Week 3: Apr 23-29	1,805	500	477	540	174	20	.	.	.	.	3,516
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	792	532	400	202	53	20	.	.	.	.	1,999
Week 2: Apr 16-22	998	591	400	333	127	23	.	.	.	.	2,472
Week 3: Apr 23-29	1,309	736	400	419	115	20	.	.	.	.	2,999
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	2,300	1,224	1,139	325	61	20	.	.	.	.	5,069
Week 2: Apr 16-22	2,300	1,612	1,256	609	137	33	.	.	.	.	5,947
Week 3: Apr 23-29	2,300	2,073	1,377	782	129	30	.	.	.	.	6,691
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	221	214	138	48	10	-20	.	.	.	.	611
Week 2: Apr 16-22	296	229	203	17	10	-20	.	.	.	.	735
Week 3: Apr 23-29	318	247	266	31	10	-20	.	.	.	.	852
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	13	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Apr 16-22	15	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 3: Apr 23-29	17	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	137	80	70	53	35	-26	.	.	.	.	349
Week 2: Apr 16-22	140	80	33	125	40	1	.	.	.	.	419
Week 3: Apr 23-29	157	80	24	196	10	2	.	.	.	.	469
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	175	161	138	82	6	-38	.	.	.	.	524
Week 2: Apr 16-22	175	168	136	100	7	-29	.	.	.	.	557
Week 3: Apr 23-29	175	191	121	110	10	-33	.	.	.	.	574
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	450	323	225	105	8	-128	.	.	.	.	983
Week 2: Apr 16-22	450	337	202	194	6	-41	.	.	.	.	1,148
Week 3: Apr 23-29	450	413	156	279	5	-45	.	.	.	.	1,258
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	80	60	38	10	-20	-36	.	.	.	.	132
Week 2: Apr 16-22	96	24	36	10	-20	-26	.	.	.	.	120
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-17	-6	35	10	-20	-18	.	.	.	.	-16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	11	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Apr 16-22	10	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Apr 23-29	9	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	250	236	63	42	5	-5	.	.	.	.	591
Week 2: Apr 16-22	250	147	66	81	4	27	.	.	.	.	575
Week 3: Apr 23-29	250	183	24	105	6	25	.	.	.	.	593
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	637	12	2	-40	-43	-57	.	.	.	.	511
Week 2: Apr 16-22	582	1	3	-40	-40	-83	.	.	.	.	423
Week 3: Apr 23-29	638	0	6	-40	-67	-58	.	.	.	.	479
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	611	300	15	9	-18	-387	.	.	.	.	530
Week 2: Apr 16-22	76	300	14	7	-3	-480	.	.	.	.	-86
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-190	300	-16	3	16	-510	.	.	.	.	-397
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	287	77	30	-10	-44	-73	.	.	.	.	267
Week 2: Apr 16-22	214	53	30	-10	-87	-4	.	.	.	.	196
Week 3: Apr 23-29	187	139	30	-15	-70	-34	.	.	.	.	237
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	10	10	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 2: Apr 16-22	5	10	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: Apr 23-29	15	10	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	36

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	139	80	51	47	5	-43	.	.	.	.	279
Week 2: Apr 16-22	146	80	60	96	7	-7	.	.	.	.	382
Week 3: Apr 23-29	158	80	55	138	6	52	.	.	.	.	489
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	561	120	7	-5	-20	-324	.	.	.	.	339
Week 2: Apr 16-22	584	120	7	24	-40	-459	.	.	.	.	236
Week 3: Apr 23-29	560	120	5	42	-45	-598	.	.	.	.	84
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	647	300	53	41	0	-36	.	.	.	.	1,005
Week 2: Apr 16-22	778	300	226	-86	0	-52	.	.	.	.	1,166
Week 3: Apr 23-29	815	300	212	-90	0	-82	.	.	.	.	1,155
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	91	42	10	-3	-92	-100	.	.	.	.	-52
Week 2: Apr 16-22	70	22	10	9	-57	-100	.	.	.	.	-46
Week 3: Apr 23-29	30	17	10	-29	-69	-100	.	.	.	.	-141
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	10	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Apr 16-22	10	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Apr 23-29	10	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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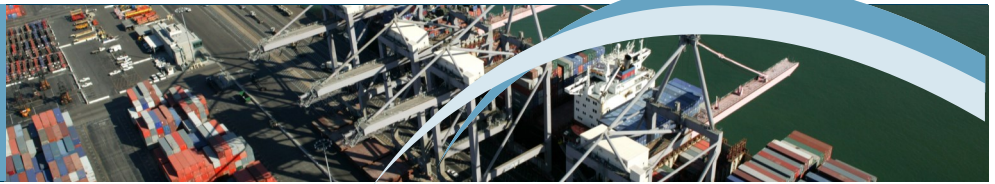
Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	284	90	18	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	397
Week 2: Apr 16-22	268	90	42	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	408
Week 3: Apr 23-29	242	90	49	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	390
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	181	150	39	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	372
Week 2: Apr 16-22	135	150	42	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	332
Week 3: Apr 23-29	90	150	48	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	297
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	240	9	6	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	245
Week 2: Apr 16-22	240	-20	4	-84	.	.	.	.	.	.	140
Week 3: Apr 23-29	240	-62	9	-164	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	128	20	13	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	146
Week 2: Apr 16-22	80	20	12	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	102
Week 3: Apr 23-29	32	20	12	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Apr 16-22	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Apr 23-29	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	155	145	36	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	349
Week 2: Apr 16-22	-1	192	2	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	206
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-58	225	0	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	180
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	479	15	7	-23	-34	.	.	.	.	.	444
Week 2: Apr 16-22	193	15	8	-36	-72	.	.	.	.	.	108
Week 3: Apr 23-29	202	15	8	-64	-101	.	.	.	.	.	60
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	278	88	80	8	-548	.	.	.	.	.	-94
Week 2: Apr 16-22	-459	106	80	9	-585	.	.	.	.	.	-849
Week 3: Apr 23-29	-582	33	80	10	-550	.	.	.	.	.	-1,009
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	269	113	5	0	-238	.	.	.	.	.	149
Week 2: Apr 16-22	210	219	5	0	-213	.	.	.	.	.	221
Week 3: Apr 23-29	216	198	5	0	-238	.	.	.	.	.	181
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Apr 9-15	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Apr 16-22	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Apr 23-29	19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



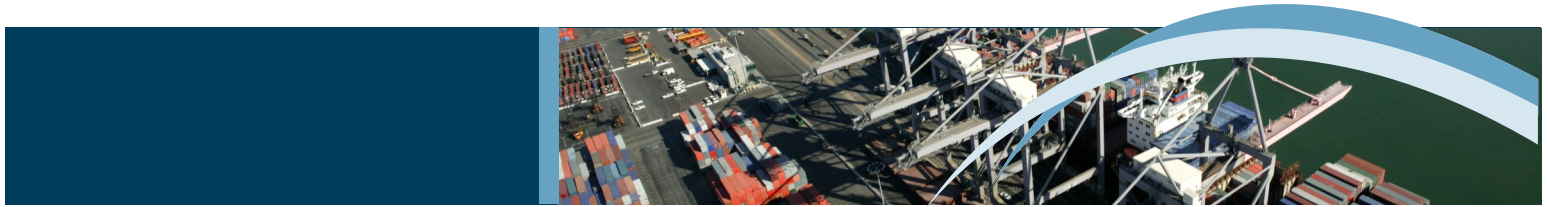


## Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
- Terminology:
  - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
  - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
  - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
  - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
  - 20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.
  - Chassis: A wheeled frame to which a shipping container can be locked for storage or movement. (Plural chassis)





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